

Packards Used to Test Tires

Three Cars Average 440 Miles a Day on Ohio Highways.

Night and day for 20 out of every 24 hours and 365 days a year, automobiles are pounded over the highways of Ohio, testing tires produced in the Akron factories. On some of the cars, mileage that in normal driving would represent 10 years of service is piled up in less than a year. More than a year's driving is done in a month.

Three Packard six cars operated by one of the larger tire companies have been given 302,000 miles a day. One average of 440 miles a day. One Packard six has averaged 470 miles a day for five months. The company operating these cars has selected Packards exclusively for the testing of larger size tires and recently purchased its 534 Packard for the work. Each car is treated like any other piece of tire making or testing machinery. It has a complete cost record and its selection was based on an ability to perform its work with the maximum of economy.

After having been driven 12,000 miles, another Packard six was turned over to the tire testers and driven 124,000 miles in 11 months. After this 136,000 miles had been piled up, the car was sold to an employee of the tire company at a price which made a depreciation cost to the tire company of less than \$100 for each 10,000 miles, or year of driving. It is still traveling.

Records of tire testing Packard sixes show that in the hundreds of thousands of miles they have traveled, an average of 15 miles to the gallon of gasoline has been obtained.

LINCOLN'S IOWA LAND IS MARKED

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Atlantic, Ia., June 21.—A memorial tablet, erected on land once owned by Abraham Lincoln, and given him as a bonus for service rendered in the Black Hawk war in 1832, was unveiled Friday at Denison, Ia., by the Daughters of the American Revolution. A number of members of the society from Atlantic assisted in the ceremonies.

A bronze marker is attached to a huge boulder, weighing two tons. The boulder monument is located on a corner of the 150 acres of land the government granted Lincoln in Goodrich township. The plot of ground is now owned by Jurgen Jensen. The marker is plainly visible from the highway and is now one of Iowa's historical spots.

DRUMMOND JOINS ENAMELING FIRM

William R. Drummond of the Drummond Carriage and Motor company has joined the Dehco Auto Enameling company, 723 South Twenty-seventh street, of which firm J. T. McVittie is president. The Dehco company will move to Twentieth street and Florence boulevard July 1. Drummond has been 28 years in the enameling business.

Ten Millionth Ford Car Leaves for Long Journey From Atlantic to Pacific Coast



Bearing a written message from Mayor Hylan of New York to Mayor Ralph of San Francisco the "10,000,000th" Ford car, heading westward on its trans-continental trip over the Lincoln highway, is somewhere in the state of Pennsylvania.

AUTOS TRANSPORT SCHOOL CHILDREN

While everyone realizes that the growth of the automotive industry has been prodigious, the public at large is not fully awake to the great importance of the industry to the country as a whole, according to D. A. Burke, president and general manager of the Peerless Motor Car company.

"If you drive into the country on a holiday and find the roads congested with cars," says Mr. Burke, "you're inclined to feel that the automobile is essentially a pleasure vehicle."

"It may surprise you to learn that 60 per cent of all passenger car mileage is strictly for business purposes. But this is a fact brought to light by a recent investigation made by the national automobile chamber of commerce. This investigation shows that 283,000 children are transported to school daily in motor vehicles. The little red school house is giving way to the large, well equipped school building which today draws its pupils from a wide radius. Of the 13,037 such consolidated schools now operating, almost 1,400 were established in 1923 and practically all of these were made possible by the increased use of motor vehicles in rural districts."

this historic member of the great Ford family.

The start from New York was auspicious. Proceeding from the Ford Motor company branch at 1710 Broadway, about 10 a. m. Monday, June 18, the car went directly to Times Square. Its arrival immediately attracted thousands of passers-by on the famous thoroughfare. J. Newton Gunn, president of the Lincoln Highway association, was present and officially started the car on its trip to the west coast.

Leaving Times Square the 10,000,000th Ford proceeded to the ferry crossing to Jersey City where dealers of that metropolis were awaiting to greet it, and extended to it a big welcome. The trip down through New Jersey was a continual and triumphant procession. Ford dealers of each city joining with others in escorting it along the way.

Pierce Test Car Going All Night

Stopped by New York State Troopers Who Seek to Investigate.

Night after night for the last few months as regular as clockwork, a mysterious car has slipped through towns situated in the hills of southern New York state.

The police of one of these towns regularly caught fleeting glimpses of the car and decided to investigate it. They summoned a New York state trooper.

The trooper and a police officer lay in wait for the nightly visitor early one morning last week. Right on time, the mysterious car came speeding along the road. The officers dashed into the middle of the road and signalled the driver to stop. They peered into the tonneau of the car. There stood two large cans. "What have you got in this car?" demanded the trooper. "Gasoline," answered the driver. "Don't fool with me," snapped the officer. "Nobody's carting gasoline around at 3 o'clock every morning."

"Well, take a look," invited the driver. The officers did. They found just—gasoline. "What are you tearing through here every night with gasoline for?" demanded the trooper. "What business are you in anyway?" "I'm a test driver for the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Company," answered the driver, and he explained he was driving one of the fleet of test cars which are being driven over the road 24 hours a day preparatory to the introduction of Pierce-Arrow's new moderately priced, six-cylinder car this summer.

OLDS REPORTS BIG EXPORT BUSINESS

The 1924 Oldsmobile is meeting with a highly favorable reception in European markets, according to word just received from L. H. Kurtz, advertising manager of the General Motors Export company, who is making a three month's business trip through the principal countries abroad. The sport models are in most demand by Europeans, he writes.

European buyers of automobiles favor a car not too heavy, one that has a small bore yet powerful engine, and above all one that is economical of gasoline, which is far more costly abroad than in this country. According to Mr. Kurtz, the Oldsmobile is filling these exacting requirements of the Europeans.

Duco Withstands Strong Chemicals

Does Not Turn White Under Disinfectant Used in California Epidemic.

There would ordinarily seem to be little connection between the recent epidemic of the hoof and mouth disease in California and the finish used on motor cars.

But as soon as the authorities began to take means against the spread of this disease, a striking difference in the finish of various motor cars was brought out.

In order to prevent carrying the infection from one part of the state to another all motorists were stopped at frequent intervals along the main highways and required to drive their cars through a trough about 30 feet long, which was filled to a depth of eight inches with disinfectant chemicals to kill any possible germ that might have been picked up on the road. The cars were likewise sprayed with the same chemical compound.

While the chemicals used caused the finish on the majority of the cars to turn white, it had not the slightest effect on the Duco finish of the Oakland cars that passed through. Yet this test was but a mild repetition of the Oakland demonstrations put on throughout the country recently when hot tar, sulphuric acid, lime and ignited matches were placed against the Duco finish to prove how impervious it is to damage.

Another striking indication of the durability of Duco was furnished the recent Indianapolis race when 22 of the 28 cars that practiced on the track preliminary to the big race were finished in Duco. This finish can be put on quickly and is easily repaired in case of accident, even when the lightest colors are used. In addition, it is practically the only finish which could stand the terrific heat to which it was subjected in the Indianapolis race. The fact that it was chosen by more than 85 per cent of the foremost drivers of the country indicates what the experts think of it.

DREAM REALIZED FOR EAGLES' HEAD

With his election at the convention of Fraternal Order of Eagles as president of the state, Fred G. Mower, 2305 State thirty-third street, achieved an ambition of 11 years. Mower has been a state official of the Eagles for 11 years and has served in every official capacity in the state.

Mower and Moses McKeon will be local delegates to the grand aerial convention at Providence, R. I., in August.

The Eagles in Nebraska number 5,000. During the war the Eagles had 45,000 members in service. They assessed each member who did not serve 10 cents per month as an insurance of \$1,000 against death in service.

Youth, 25, Passes State Bar From Night School



Stuart Kelly

Only 25 years old, Stuart Kelly, 119 South Thirtieth street, has passed the state bar examination through his three years' study at night school at Omaha University in addition to his duties as office manager of the traffic department of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company.

He intends to complete the course and receive a degree in law. His study at the night law school has taken more than two hours, five nights a week. Kelly has been one of the chief organizers of a new law fraternity installed this year at the university, Tau Delta Epsilon.

He was graduated from the engineering department of the North Dakota Agricultural college, in 1913.

Schoolmates in Reunion.

Hartington, Neb., June 20.—Old schoolmates were entertained at the home of Mrs. J. H. McQuistan in honor of Mrs. Harry Edwards and Mrs. H. H. Hoar of Minneapolis, who have been visiting Mrs. McQuistan. Those present were Mesdames Arthur Davis, E. H. Mason and Frank Salmons and Mrs. Janet and Tina McQuistan and Margaret Mason of Bloomfield, Mrs. Joe Flaughtry of Gregory, S. D., Mrs. Helen Matson of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Hoar of Minneapolis, and the Misses Agnes Ballantyne and Anna Olson of Hartington.

Engineer on New Run.

Beatrice, Neb., June 21.—Howard Cox, who has had a run as engineer on the Union Pacific between Grand Island and Omaha for years, has been transferred to this city and will run on the new Capital Cities Express between Beatrice and Omaha. He worked in this city 17 years ago for the company.

Californian Waives Traditional Esteem for Home; Lauds Omaha

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Sacramento, Cal., June 21.—Californians, ordinarily, are so imbued with state pride that they are slow in their bestowal of praise on other localities. An exception to this rule is R. S. Oakford of Long Beach, just returned from an eastern trip, which included Omaha. To a representative of The Omaha Bee this Californian volunteered the statement that of all the other cities he visited, he was impressed most by Omaha.

"You may say for me that it is unusual for a Californian to boost another city, but I am quite sincere in saying that next to my own home city, I would prefer to live in Omaha," Oakford said.

"I have been in business at Long Beach for 23 years, and we all know

California is a wonderful state. My impressions of Omaha were that it is destined to become a great city. "I visited the parks and was impressed most of all by the park system. Omaha is a city of homes. We know of Omaha as a livestock, packing house and butter center. Your city has excellent possibilities for the development of its boulevard and river drive system."

Oakford is a brother of E. S. Oakford, head of the Oakford Music company, Omaha.

Liberty Elevator to Close.

Beatrice, Neb., June 21.—Directors of the Farmers' Elevator company at Liberty, held a meeting and decided to close the elevator there because the business has not been profitable.

Teacher Weds Banker.

Atlantic, Ia., June 21.—Miss Fifi Goldstein, Audubon kindergarten teacher, was married at Audubon to Loren Border, Casper (Wyo.) banker.

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